

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here at Shiloh UCC, where God is still speaking"*

## THIS WEEK

SUN	10:00	<b>Worship</b>
	9:00	Sunday School (202) & Wired Word (124)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
TUES	6:00	Youth/Small Group (202)
	6:30	Shiloh Cemetery Assn
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 65**

### THE CHURCH STAFF

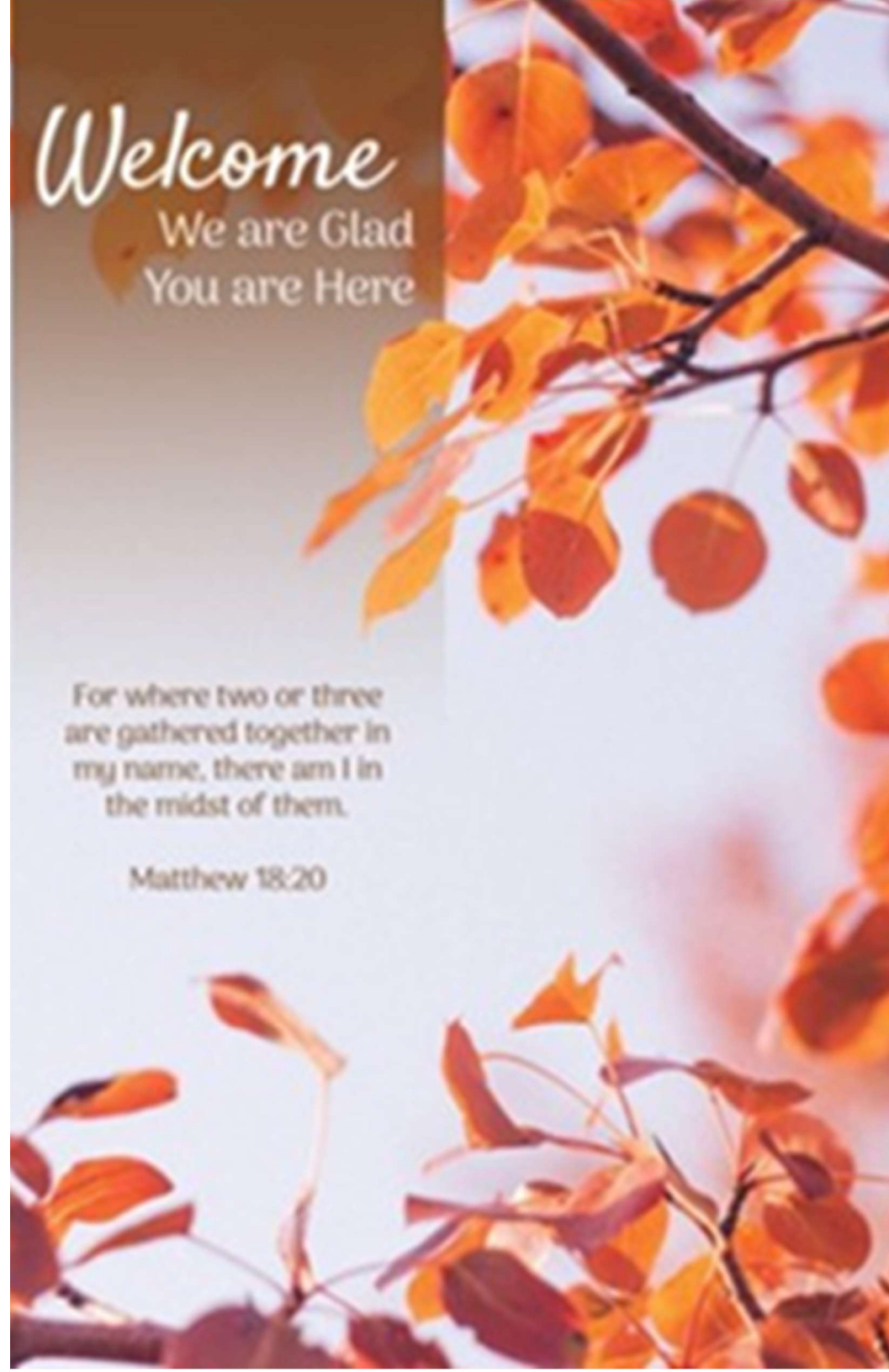
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**Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ**  
**Worship Service**  
**September 22, 2024**  
**10:00AM**

**MEDITATION**

*"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive.  
 He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."  
 ~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**PRELUDE**                                      *"In Christ Alone"*                                      Sprunger  
 (Duet- Dani Bentzel & Sandy Bamberger)

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (BY NATHAN DECKER)*  
*(Please stand as you are able!)*

One: Welcome Home! Welcome to your spiritual home!  
**All: Home is not a building or a place we meet**  
 One: Home is not just where we came from.  
**All: Home is more than people and memories.**  
 One: Home is more than sentimentality or traditions.  
**All: : Home is toys on the floor.**  
 One: Home is a mess in the kitchen.  
**All: Home is a welcome at the door.**  
 One: Home is a hug of acceptance.  
**All: Home is the laughter around the table.**  
 One: Home is remembering the promises we made.  
**All: Home is seeing where God is leading us and going there together.**  
 One: Welcome home to Shiloh UCC, where we welcome children and adults, rich and poor, people of all backgrounds; where we care for each other, and learn how to love. Welcome Home!  
**All: Home is where we are better together. We give thanks to God for Shiloh UCC. Let us worship God together!**

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in honor of our children and grandchildren with much love, Jeanie and Don Bentzel.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** Mary Reiber
- **GREETERS:** Carolyn Poff & Jeanie Bentzel
- **USHER:** Linda Little
- **NURSERY** Sallie Hagerman & Natalie Fuhrman
- **COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Patti Goodyear
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger & Dani Bentzel

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND  
 MUSICIANS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE!**



Help is needed every other month on the first Sunday of the month. You will need to cut bread and buy grape juice. You would come Saturday to set up and then would need to clean up after the service. Training will be provided. Any help would be appreciated. See Tammy Hildebrecht or call 717-683-0440.

Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your desired date to have your wording placed in the bulletin.



**GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH.** Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. For every dollar of gift cards purchased, \$.05 is donated to the church by the grocery store. This contribution is used to support our Missionaries, Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica.



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### Morning Prayer ([www.lightbook.org](http://www.lightbook.org))

Lord Jesus, come with me, a new day has begun. You who have accepted the incarnation of infinite divine love, within the limits of family, village, and country, and in a routine human profession, come and guide me throughout this day! Let Your presence transform this day into a wonderful embodiment of Your great love! Come, meet those whom I meet on the roads, in the streets, and in the squares! In Your Holy name I pray. Amen.

### Evening Prayer ([faithfulchristian.net](http://faithfulchristian.net))

*“When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.” Proverbs 3:24*

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for this evening. All through the day, you have interceded on my behalf. Thank you for your mercies. Now, I put all my troubles and worries in your hands. Take away my pain and bring hope to my mind. I ask for a sound sleep tonight. Let me sleep like a baby and wake up in good health. Lord, I ask for protection for my family members and friends. Only in you, I have everlasting hope and calming peace. Amen.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Thomas Hershey, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

### THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Eppley Family, The Hoover Family,



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson.

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

**All: Almighty God, guide us on our spiritual pilgrimage that we may never lose our way. Bless us with your presence, Holy One, that we may know the strength of your hand and the tender mercy of your love. Inspire us through your Holy Spirit, that we may sing and shout your praises. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*“This Is the Day”*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

**All: Loving God, oh how we struggle to forgive. We hold onto grudges. We resist your work to bind us together. Even though we know you have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, we are slow to forgive each other. Thank you for demonstrating such forgiveness by graciously extending it to us. Help us to let go of bitterness. We have received grace; help us to share it with each other. Change our hearts, O God, and grant us Christ's willingness to forgive. Forgive us for these and all our sins. Strip our hearts of anger, and replace it with joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (ROM. 8:34; 2 COR. 5:17)

One: Hear the good news! Jesus Christ died for us. He rose for us, He reigns in power for us, He prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*Please wave to one another*)

When we are rescued from danger and trouble, we know the power of Jesus Christ. When we are welcomed into the reign of God, we know the peace of Jesus Christ. As those who are loved and welcomed, let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

One: Let us greet each other in Christian friendship.  
The peace of Christ Be with you!

**All: And also with you.**

**CHILDREN’S STORY** *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children’s Sermon are welcome. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child during the message.)*

\* **HYMN** “Jesus Loves Me” #327 vs. 1 twice

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Second Reading: Psalm 54

**CHANCEL CHOIR** “Just a Closer Walk/in the Garden” Martin

Third Lesson: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

**SERMON** “The Good Life!”

\***HYMN** “Pure Joy (Chris Falson)

Gives me pure joy to sing to You And that joy becomes my strength  
Gives me pure joy to sing Your name Jesus, Jesus

Gives me pure joy to walk with You And that joy becomes my strength  
Gives me pure joy to be with You Jesus, Jesus

There is no other life There is no other way  
There is no higher love There is no higher name

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." Let us celebrate our blessings with generosity as we collect the offering for the benefit of our neighbors in Christ.

\***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “Doxology” #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

**All: Giving God, we can never match your generosity. When we are in need, you are at our side, present to us even in our darkest moments. You rescue us from harm. Make us into a people who celebrate your goodness, drawing others into the celebration of your many blessings. Receive our offerings, even if they are as small as a drink for someone who thirsts. May these tangible gifts and all the intangible gifts we share make known to the world that God is within us and among us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

\***CLOSING HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” Insert

\***BENEDICTION**

Go in confidence and peace, joyfully serving the Lord who walks with you. Bring hope to the hopeless, joy to those who sorrow, peace to the afflicted. Be true witnesses to the love of God through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** “May Jesus Christ Be Praised!” Wood

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**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR  
WORSHIP TODAY! PLEASE COME AGAIN!**